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Take Advantage of Free Tax Assistance

Professional tax preparers offer their services this time of year, but there also many ways to file for free, either with the help of trained volunteers or electronically.

One advantage of e-filing is that it helps you get your refund sooner. Typically, e-filers receive state and federal refunds within 10 to 21 days, compared with the four to eight weeks it takes when you file by mail.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

If you would like assistance in filing state and federal tax returns, free help is available for those with incomes under \$50,000 through [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\)](#). Locate a VITA site in your neighborhood [here](#).

Free electronic filing

[Free File](#) is a free service that offers federal income tax preparation and e-file for taxpayers. Californians have two free options for e-filing state returns, [ReadyReturn](#), a pre-fill California tax return that includes your W-2 earnings and other information from your return last year, and [CalFile](#), available for most Californians.

Free Tax Assistance Events

Find out if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit, which provides a refund of up to \$5,000, at the upcoming tax assistance events.

Date: Sunday, March 11
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: [Lao Family Community Development, Inc.](#)
1865 Rumrill Boulevard, Suite B
San Pablo, CA 94806

Date: Friday, March 30
Time: 1:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m.
Location: [Asian Pacific American Community](#)
2442 Bayshore Boulevard
San Francisco, CA 94134